REGULATION ASSENTED TO BY HER HIGHNESS THE MAHA RANI REGENT.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to the Legislative Council*): The Travancore Probate and Administration Bill has received the assent of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent on the 25th Kumbhom 1105.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation II of 1097.

Demand No.	Amount Rs.	Particulars.
XX. Buildings, Communications and Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	2,000	For expenditure in connection with the Minor Irrigation Committee.
XXI. Miscellaneous.	5,000	For expenditure in connection with the Banking Enquiry Committee
XXI. Do.	700	Do. for survey of industries.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 6,950 under Demand XIII, Agriculture and Fisheries for the following items, *viz.*—

(1) For the supply of salt to fish curers at concessional rate, Rs. 6,500.

(2) For the purchase of appliances, maps, models etc., for the Special Fishery School for Arayas at Alleppey, Rs. 450.

Sir, with a view to develop the fishing industry, Government have established a number of fish curing yards on the coast, and the arrangement at present is that the Agricultural Department buys the salt required for the fish curing yards from the Excise Department on payment of the full issue price and sells it to the curers at a concessional rate. The issue price varies from Re. 1—14 as. to Rs. 2—as. 8 a maund. and the sale price in fish curing yards is a uniform rate Re. 1—8 as. a maund.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know at what cost the salt is purchased by the Agricultural Department from the Excise Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): At the price which the ordinary public pay *i. e.* from Re. 1-14 as. to Rs. 2-3 as. per maund. It varies in different places. At Rajakkamangalam salt is sold at Re. 1-14 as. and at Quilon Tinnevelly salt, and at Alleppey Bombay salt is sold at Rs. 2-3 as.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Director of Agriculture is in a position to enlighten me as to the cost price of the home salt collected at the Government Factories?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): No, sir. The Excise Commissioner will be able to furnish that information. All that I know is that the above are the rates at which salt is sold to the public and that at the same rates my Department buys from the Excise Department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What are the items that make up the selling price?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I am unable to give that information. It is the Excise Department, that deals in salt. I know the selling price that the ordinary man pays for salt varies from Rs. 1-14-0 to Rs. 2-3-0 per maund. This salt is supplied to the fish curing yards at the same rate and is sold to the curers at a uniform rate of Re. 1-8-0. There is a difference varying from as. 6 to as. 11 per maund which is not realised from the fish curers and this is met from the allotment provided for the Agricultural Department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the object of this concession?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): To develop fish curing on scientific and modern lines.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Agricultural Department alone is interested in the fish curing yards or the Government as a whole is interested?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Government are interested in developing the industry.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know what is the object that has made the Agricultural Department to purchase salt at a higher rate from the Excise Department and sell it at a lower price to the fish curers and thus suffer a loss in the Agricultural Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Though there is a loss to the Agricultural Department, there is a corresponding gain to the Excise Department. Government want to develop the fish curing industry. The Excise Department is interested in seeing its revenue does not fall. Government do not lose anything because what is lost by the Agricultural Department is gained by the Excise Department. Further the fish curers are given salt at a concessional rate.

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MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): എത്ര കാലത്തേയ്ക്ക ഇങ്ങിനെ കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കണം?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): ഫിഷ് കൂവറിങ്ങ് ഉള്ളിടത്തോളം കാലം കൊടുക്കണം.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): അതു ശരിയായ നിലയിൽ വന്നാൽ പിന്നെയും കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കണോ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): അങ്ങിനെയാണ് ചില സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): മത്സ്യം ഉണക്കുന്നതിനാണ് ഈ ഉപ്പു ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതെന്ന് ഡയറക്ടക്കറിയാമൊ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): അറിയാം.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): മത്സ്യം ഉണക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്യുന്നതു് ഏതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറാണ്?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): ഫിഷറി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറാണ്.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഇത്രമത്സ്യം അന്യനാട്ടിലേക്കയക്കുന്നു എന്ന കണക്കു സൂക്ഷിക്കുന്നതു എക്സൈസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറാ ഫിഷറി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറാ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): എക്സൈസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ്.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): അങ്ങിനെ അയക്കുന്ന കണക്ക് എത്രയാണെന്നു ഡയറക്ടക്കറിയാമൊ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): എൻറെ വാർഷിക റിപ്പോർട്ടു തയ്യാറാക്കുന്നതിന് മുമ്പെ ആണ്ടുതോറും ആ കണക്ക് എഴുതി അയച്ചുവരുത്തി. അതു റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ ചേർക്കുന്ന പതിവുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. കഴിഞ്ഞ ആണ്ടിൽ മാത്രം എൻറെ റിപ്പോർട്ടു തയ്യാറാക്കിയതിനശേഷമാണ് ആ കണക്കു കിട്ടിയതു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അതിൽ ആ വിവരം ചേർത്തിട്ടില്ല.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): കഴിഞ്ഞ ഏതാനും വർഷത്തെ കണക്കുകൊണ്ടു ഫിഷ് കൂവറിങ്ങ് ഇവിടെ കൂടിക്കൂടിവരികയാണെന്നു ഡയറക്ടർക്കു ബോദ്ധ്യമുണ്ടൊ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): ഉണ്ടു്.

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MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഫിഷ്കൃവറിങ്ങ് ഇവിടെ നടത്തുന്നവക്ക് ലാഭമൊ നഷ്ടമൊ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): ലാഭമാണെന്നുവേണം വിചാരിക്കാൻ, നഷ്ടമാണെങ്കിൽ ഇതിനുമുമ്പുതന്നെ അവർ വിട്ടെച്ചുപോകുമായിരുന്നു.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): അങ്ങിനെല്ലാമുണ്ടെന്നു കാണുന്നപക്ഷം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും സഹായമായി കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഉപ്പിൻെറ വിലയിൽ ഒരംശം റിക്രൂപ്പു ചെയ്യാൻ പറയരുതൊ?

RAO SABHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): ഇവിടെ മീൻ ഉണക്കി പാകംചെയ്യുന്നതു ശുചിത്വമില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥിതിയിലാണു്. അതുനിമിത്തം കാളറതുടങ്ങിയുള്ള സാംക്രമികരോഗങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാകാൻ സൌകൎയ്യമുണ്ടു്. അതിനാൽ മത്സ്യങ്ങളെല്ലാം ഗവണ്മെൻറുസ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ മേൽനോട്ടത്തിൽ നിയന്ത്രിച്ചു നല്ലരീതിയിൽ പാകംചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ളതാണു് ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ഉദ്ദേശം. ഗവണ്മെൻറു പ്രധാനമായി നോക്കുന്നതു് ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആരോഗ്യവും ഈ വ്യവസായത്തിൻെറ വർദ്ധനവുമാണു്. മത്സ്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറു സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്നതിനു മത്സ്യവ്യവസായികളെ പ്രേരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനു് അവക്കെന്തെങ്കിലും സഹായം ചെയ്യാൽമാത്രമെ സാധിക്കയുള്ളൂ. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ നിർബന്ധമായ ഒരുനിയമം കൊണ്ടുവരണം. അതു ഇതുവരെ ഒരുസ്ഥലത്തും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ലാഭംകിട്ടുന്നതിൽ ഒരു ഭാഗം അവക്കു കൊടുത്താൽ പോരയൊ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): ഇതിൽ മറ്റു പല സംഗതികൾകൂടി ആലോചിക്കാനുണ്ടു്. ചില സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ റോഡുകളില്ല. അവിടെ തലച്ചുമടായിട്ടുവേണം മത്സ്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറുസ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരാൻ. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഒരു നാലണയൊമറ്റൊ ലാഭം കിട്ടുമെന്നിരുന്നാൽതന്നെയും ഈ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകളെല്ലാം ആലോചിക്കുമ്പോൾ അവർ ഗവണ്മെൻറു സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിലേക്കു വരാതിരിക്കാൻ മതി.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഇപ്പോൾ അവക്കു കിട്ടുന്ന ലാഭം എത്രയാണെന്നറിയാമൊ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know wha is approximately the total amount of salt required for all these fish curing yards in one year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): In 1104 it was about 55,000 maunds. This much of salt was sold to the fish curers to cure something like 2 lakhs of maunds of fish.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether any duty is realised from this fish exported out of Travancore?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): There is a duty on fish exported.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the duty?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I do not know the figure.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the quantity of salt that will be required for the fish curing yards this year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I was going to explain that when I was interrupted. There is an allotment of Rs. 7,500 in my budget for meeting the difference between the full issue price and the concessional rate allowed to curers. By the end of Makaram practically the whole of it was spent and by this time there will be nothing left. The second fishing season has just commenced and if I do not get an additional grant I will have to close down the fish curing yards because I won't be able to pay the difference in price to the Excise Department.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the quantity of salt that will be required this year will be greater than that of last year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I think so.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether there will be any additional profit to the Government by investing this money?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Government do not want to make any profit by selling salt to fish curers except the duty that will be realised on the fish exported from Travancore.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know whether the duty realised last year came anywhere near Rs. 7,500?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I have not got the figure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How many persons were engaged in this fish curing industry last year throughout the State?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I have not got that information now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is the number now higher ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : It depends upon the amount of fish caught. I think that this year there would be more fish for curing than last year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is the department going to give more work to a larger number of people ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : When there is more profit I expect that more people will take to the industry.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does he think that a larger number of people will come in 1105 than in 1104?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): I can't say it now. I hope to be able to collect the information along with the Census.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is the same salt that is supplied to the ordinary people that is supplied at a concession to fish curers ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Yes. There was once a complaint that the salt supplied to fish curing yards was inferior and in accordance with my request to the Excise Commissioner he has arranged for the supply of good salt.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is it the obect of the Government that the fish curers should be prosperous ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Government want all the people to be prosperous.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether Government want the people who are engaged in that industry to be prosperous?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : Yes. They want to develop the industry, and wish to see the people engaged in it become prosperous as also the rest of the population. Their chief object is to develop the industry.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : May I know what is roughly the value of fish exported from this country last year ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I have not got the figure with me. The Administration Report of the Excise Department gives it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the number of the fish curing yards maintained by the Department ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): We have eleven yards between Cape Comorin and Shertallai. We want to open more yards when funds become available.

Now, the second item in the supplementary demand is for Rs. 450. Some years ago a co-operative conference of Araya fishermen of Alleppey and other places was held and at that conference a resolution was passed requesting Government to start a special fishery school to train Araya boys and boys of other fisher classes in the improved methods of catching and curing fish. That was in 1098. Then there was a co-operative society of Arayans at Alleppey called Sri Padmanabha Vilasom Co-operative Society which agreed to provide buildings and appliances for the school if Government would provide teachers. On the strength of that promise Government sent two Araya boys, one to Calicut where there is a special fishery school, and another to the Technological Institute at Trivandrum. The boy sent to Calicut has studied fish curing, net making etc., and the boy at Trivandrum has learned weaving, knitting and other allied industries. The boys are now remaining unemployed. The school has not yet been opened. I wrote to the Secretary to the Sri Padmanabha Vilasom Co-operative Society to provide the necessary building and appliances. Unfortunately the Society's promise turned out to be a broken reed. Simply because a non-official body did not keep its promise Government did not want to give up the idea of opening the school. There is a building in the fish curing yard at Alleppey. We propose to utilise that building. But we want appliances for the school. And the sum of Rs. 450 is intended for providing the appliances.

It may be asked why this was not included in the budget for this year. Well, as I said, we counted upon the promise of the Sri Padmanabha Vilasom Co-operative Society and found that it did not keep that promise only lately. So Government have now come to the Council for a supplementary grant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know when the Government decided to purchase these appliances?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): It was only very recently when Government found that the society would not redeem its promise.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Had the Director no idea of diverting other funds for this purpose? May I know whether, when he prepared his budget for 1105 he had no idea of diverting other funds for this purpose?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Certainly not. When I found recently that the Co-operative Society would not provide the buildings and appliances, I suggested to Government that the small amount required for appliances might be diverted from some other items in my budget, but Government did not approve of it and hence this demand has been brought to the Council.

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As I told you my full belief at the time when I prepared the budget for 1105 was that the Sri Padmanabha Vilasom Co-operative Society would give us the building and the appliances.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know when he had the idea of diverting the funds?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): When I found that the Society would not redeem its pledge.

These are the two items in the supplementary grant. I hope that the Council will allow it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I beg to move that the allotment of Rs. 6,500 for the supply of salt to the fish curing yards be reduced by Rs. 100. Sir, when this particular demand is placed before this House by the Government the intention of the Government and my intention in moving the reduction motion are one and the same. By demanding this amount, Government want to encourage the fish curing industry in the State by selling salt to fish curers at concessional rates. They aim at encouraging the fish curing industry. They also want to see that those employed in that particular industry are prosperous. My object in making this token motion is the very same thing. The only doubt which I entertain with regard to this particular demand is that the Government are not very earnest in their intention if I have understood it correctly. They produce salt at a particular cost and the Excise Department sells salt at a higher rate. At that higher rate the Agricultural Department purchases the salt and they sell it to the fish curers at a lower rate and thereby—if I may be permitted to use the term—by a manipulation of accounts they want to show a profit to Government. By permitting the Agricultural Department to suffer the loss, they lose the revenue on the whole. Therefore if it is the real intention of the Government to help the fish curers they could have gone further. I put a relevant question as to what is actually the cost price of the salt which is made available for ordinary consumers in the country either in the Government factories or in the shalls. But the Government member was not able to explain it. If the Government are for encouraging fish curers why cannot the salt be sold at the cost to Government. Therefore, if Government want to sell the salt to fish curers at a higher price at the same time, they want the House and the country to understand that they are trying to encourage the industry. That is what we cannot understand. If I am correct, the price of salt per maund as fixed for the past 12 years is Chs. $12\frac{1}{2}$. The actual cost is Chs. 5 per maund. I ask why not salt be sold at a more concessional rate to the fish curers than now. That is why I said the intention is not so satisfactory or so good as one would understand. What are the several items which make up this price? According to the member in charge, he said that the price of salt sold to the ordinary consumer varies from Rs. 1-14-0 to Rs. 2-4 0. If it is the actual price of salt collected in the local salt factories then it comes only to Chs. 5. What are the other items which make up the balance? That is

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[Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.]

Rs. 1 as. 14 ps. 0 minus Chs. 5 or Rs. 2 as. 4 ps. 0 minus Chs. 5. Certainly a duty is involved there. We understand the duty imposed on the salt which is imported into Travancore. But that duty is imposed on salt that is locally manufactured. That remains only in theory and it cannot be called a duty. Therefore Rs. 1 as. 11 ps. 0 is the duty and the increased cost price of the salt. We can remove that duty.

PRESIDENT: That is not the question before the House. Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, your discussion on the token motion upon the supplementary grant, must be confined to the actual demand and should not deal with the general questions of the policy of the department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The general policy should not be discussed?

PRESIDENT: The discussion must be confined to the actual demand.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): On a previous occasion it has been ruled that when a supplementary grant is moved a token cut can cover anything under that motion.

PRESIDENT: I rule that you cannot deal with the general policy of the department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): That is alright. I will confine myself to this aspect of the question. The intention of the Government is to encourage fish curers by selling salt at a concessional rate. My point is this. They must go further with their good intention if they think there is actually a necessity to sell salt at actual cost price to these fish curers. That is my point. With these words I make this motion.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): സർ, മി: കെ. പി. നീലകണ്ഠപ്പിള്ള ഇവിടെ ഹാജരാക്കീട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാനും പിൻതാങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു. തെക്കിണതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ആതവാമൊഴി ചുരുക്കയിലെ കണക്കു നോക്കുന്നപക്ഷം അതുവഴി ധാരാളം മത്സ്യം കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ളതിന് ഫിഷ്സ്സ്കമ്മീഷണർ സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): I do not hear the member.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): The major portion of the fish is being exported to foreign countries through Aramboly Chowkey.

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): Only a small portion goes through Aramboly.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): സമുദ്രതീരത്തു മീൻ പിടിത്തം തൊഴിലായി സ്വീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന മുക്കുവർ

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അന്യനാട്ടിലേക്കു ധാരാളം മത്സ്യം അയക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു തിരുവ കണക്കെടുത്തു നോക്കിയാൽ കാണാവുന്നതാണു്. ഇതിൽ അധികവും ആലുവാ മൊഴിചവുക്കവഴി പോകുന്നുണ്ടു്. എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ഒന്നുകൂടി കണക്കു പരിശോധിച്ചാൽ ഈ സംഗതി മനസ്സിലാകുന്നതാണു്.

PRESIDENT: He says only a small portion goes through Aramboly.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഡയറക്ടർ അവർകളുടെ പ്രവൃത്തി അനീതിയാണെന്നു പറയുന്നതല്ല. വണ്ണം ചില സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി പറയണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. അതായതു് ഫ്രഷ് ഫിഷ് കൂവറിങ്ങ് യാർഡ്സ് ഉള്ളതിൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷവും ഉത്തരതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ അണെന്നു കാണുന്നു. അതിൽ ചിലതു കൽക്കുളം വിളവൻകോടു ഈ താലൂക്കുകളിൽക്കൂടി ഏർപ്പെടുത്തണം. അതായതു് ദക്ഷിണതിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ മുട്ടം മുതൽപൂവാർവരെയുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽക്കൂടുതൽ ഫിഷ് കൂവറിങ്ങ് യാർഡ് സ്ഥാപിക്കണം.

ഇനി എനിക്കു പറയാനുള്ളതു ഉപ്പു കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രം പോരാ എന്നാണു്. ഡവലപ്മെൻറു് ബോർഡ് റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ അയച്ച റക്കമെൻറേഷനിൽ (പേജ് 24) എ. വി. എം. കെനാൽ നീട്ടിയാൽ ഉപ്പിനു അധികം ചിലവുകൂടാതെ കയറുമതി ചെയ്യാമെന്നു പറയുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇതിലേക്കായിട്ടും സമുദ്രതീരത്തു താമസിക്കുന്ന ആളുകളുടെ സഞ്ചാരസൌകര്യത്തിനായിട്ടും എ. വി. എം. കെനാലിനെ നീട്ടണമെന്നു അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Sir, I oppose the cut motion introduced by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai. The object of Government in asking this additional grant is to encourage industry in Travancore. By purchasing salt from the Excise Department and giving it to the fish curers at a lower rate Government do not lose anything and as Dr. Kunjan Pillai puts it if the salt is not sold to the fish curers at concessional rates probably they may not come forward to take up this industry and thus earn a living out of it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there any principle that salt should not be sold to these fish curers at a lower rate than the rate proposed by the mover of the demand?

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): That is not my object. I only justify the position now taken up by the Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the member has any objection to selling salt at more concessional rates?

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MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): I have absolutely no objection. On the other hand I would welcome it because that would do some good to the country. That is what all civilized Governments should do. Government want to render further help to these fish curers by selling salt at a uniform rate throughout Travancore. They forego even the transportation charges. If salt from the Quilon depot is taken to Vaikam, Government will have to incur a certain amount of expense in meeting the transportation charges. It is in this way Government should encourage industries in Travancore. We representatives both in the Legislative Council and the Popular Assembly request that Government must render every kind of help to encourage cottage industries in this country. This is an industry like that and if Government do not see its way to encourage industries then that will be impoverishing the little industries we have got in this state. So I whole heartedly support the motion introduced by the mover.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): സർ, മി: നീലകണ്ഠപിള്ള ഇവിടെ ഹാജരാക്കീട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ എതുക്കുന്നു. ഡാക്ടർ കുഞ്ഞൻപിള്ളയുടെ ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടു യോജിക്കുന്നതായിട്ടാണു് മി: കെ. പി. നീലകണ്ഠപിള്ളയുടെ പ്രസംഗംകൊണ്ടു ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതു്. അതായതു കൺസെഷൻ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ളകാര്യത്തിൽ ഇരുകൂട്ടർക്കും അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസമില്ലന്നതു്. മി: നീലകണ്ഠപിള്ള പറയുന്നതു് കൂടുതൽ കൺസെഷൻ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണു്. ഫിഷ് ക്യൂവറിങ്ങു് ലാഭത്തിലാണു് ഇരിക്കുന്നതെന്നു ഡാക്ടർ കുഞ്ഞൻപിള്ള ഇവിടെ സമ്മതിച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞു. അങ്ങിനെ ലാഭത്തിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു വ്യവസായത്തെ വളർത്തിക്കുന്നതിനു ഗവണ്മെൻറു കൂടുതൽ നഷ്ടപ്പെടേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല. ഈ വ്യവസായപോഷണാർത്ഥം അത്യാവശ്യമായസഹായം ചെയ്യണം. ഇതുയും പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പ്രതിക്കുലിക്കുന്നു.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): ഫിഷ് ക്യൂവറിങ്ങു് നടത്തുന്നതു് അതു പിടിക്കുന്ന ആളുകളോ, അതല്ല ചില്ലറയായിട്ടു ഇവരുടെപക്കൽനിന്നും ശേഖരിച്ചുവയ്ക്കുന്ന പണമുള്ള ആളുകളോ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): രണ്ടുകൂട്ടരും നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടു്.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : സാധുക്കളായ ആളുകൾ തന്നെത്താനെ ഫിഷ് ക്യൂവറിങ്ങു് ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവരെ സഹായിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടു്. പണമുള്ള മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥന്മാർ ഇവരുടെപക്കൽനിന്നും ചില്ലറയായി ശേഖരിച്ചു് ഈ വ്യവസായം നടത്തുന്നപക്ഷം അവർ ഈ സഹായം അഹിക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം ഈ വ്യവസായത്തെ പോഷിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്. ഇതിൽ ഏർപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നവരിൽ ചിലർ മത്സ്യം പിടിക്കുന്നവർതന്നെയാണ്. ചില മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥന്മാരും ഈ വ്യവസായം നടത്തുന്നുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഫിഷ് കൂവറിങ്ങ് യാർഡിൽ ഈ രണ്ടു കൂട്ടരും വരും. അവരെ പ്രത്യേകം തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞു് ഈ സഹായം ഒരു കൂട്ടക്കുമാത്രം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം മീൻ പിടിക്കുന്നവരെക്കൊണ്ടുതന്നെ ഈ വ്യവസായം നടത്തിക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണ്.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): ഈ മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥന്മാക്കു സഹായംചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): അവക്കും സഹായം കിട്ടുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): അവക്കു ഈ കൺസെഷൻക്രടാതെതന്നെ ഉപ്പു വാങ്ങിക്കാൻ ശേഷിയുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): മീൻകച്ചവടക്കാരൊക്കെ അത്ര വലിയ ധനികന്മാരല്ല.

Sir, there is very little more to be said on this point now, because, as Mr. P. S. Mahomed pointed out Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is in full sympathy with the object of Government. They want to encourage and develop the fish curing industry in the State. Therefore they are selling salt at a concessional rate. But Mr. Nilakanta Pillai goes further and wants to see that salt is supplied to the fish curers at actual cost price, that is at about 5 Chs. a maund. This is a question that has to be considered very carefully. Nowhere in India has it been done. I know that the Fishery Committee appointed by the Government of Madras have made a suggestion that salt should be supplied at actual cost price or even free of cost. But the Government of Madras have not accepted it. It is still under their consideration and probably our Government may also consider the question. But, as Mr. Mahomed said, is it necessary that we should go to this extent to develop the industry? After all the Government's idea is to develop the industry by giving all reasonable facilities, and not undue facilities so that a few may profit at the expense of others. By giving a concession of about 6 to 11 As. a maund the curers are quite satisfied. When once the object is gained by giving so much concession it is a point for consideration whether Government should go further and offer more concessions. At any rate I am glad that Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is in sympathy with the object for which the grant is demanded.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the fish curers now decline to take advantage of the curing yards under the existing conditions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): No. If they have got facilities for the transport of fish all the curers come into the yard. Where communications lack they do not resort to the yard, because they have to take the fish as head loads and similarly carry back the cured fish. This involves a great deal of inconvenience to them. If road communications could be opened, I am sure there will hardly be any fish curer who will not resort to these yards. The question of increasing road communications on the coast is engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the member is certain that salt supplied at this concessional rate to the curers is used for curing purposes alone?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Yes, we sell salt only in the curing yards under the supervision of Government officers whose business is to see that it is used for this purpose alone. Surprise visits are also paid by superior officers and I am sure that the salt is used only for curing fish. If we find an officer abusing his powers he gets a sack. I had occasion to sack one such officer some time ago.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): പണമുള്ളവരും ധാരാള മുണ്ട്.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥന്മാരെ ഒഴിച്ചു നിറുത്തി മറവുള്ളവർക്കു മാത്രം ഈ കൺസെഷൻ നൽകാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ഉദ്ദേശം മീൻ പിടിക്കുന്നവർക്ക് ഈ വ്യവസായത്തിനു വേണ്ട സൌകര്യമുണ്ടാക്കി കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണ്.

I do not think I have anything more to say on this matter. As I have already said, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is in full sympathy with the object of the grant asked for and I hope he will not press his motion to a division.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I beg to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Has the member leave of the house to withdraw his motion?

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the demand made by the Director of Agriculture for a sum of Rs. 6,950 is granted?

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIV.—Industries.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 5000 under demand XIV—Industries.

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